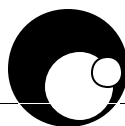


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Licensing Framework

At the September 18 meeting, the IPSB approved changes to the Rules 2002 licensure framework for school counselors based on recommendations from the External Committee for School Counselors. The recommendations include preparation to serve all school settings and completion of an accredited program as a prerequisite for licensure. The licensing framework is available at <http://www.in.gov/psb/future/appfrmwrk.html>

Improving Teacher Quality Partnership Program

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education recently released the Request for Proposals for the Improving Teacher Quality partnership program. As part of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), this competitive partnership program will bring Indiana's colleges and universities together with high-need school districts to support the professional development needs of teachers, paraprofessionals and principals in core academic subjects. Through this program, the Commission will provide grants that support teacher quality as a major factor in improving student achievement.

Eligible applicants for grants must include partnerships consisting of:

- A department or school within an Indiana college or university responsible for teacher preparation;
- A department or school within an Indiana college or university specific to the subject matter being addressed; and
- A "high-need" local educational agency (LEA).

The Indiana college or university partner must be the fiscal agent and official applicant for the grant. Eligible applicants may apply for an award for up to two years.

Please visit <http://www.che.state.in.us/ITQP.htm> for additional details and a copy of the Request for Proposals.

NCATE BOE Update

The following paragraph appears on page 6 of the Fall 2002 issue of the Board of Examiners Update from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education:

Within the next year, NCATE will be required by the U.S. Department of Education to develop policies and procedures to specify that 'candidate state

licensing test results adjusted to national norms are the primary factor to determine whether the content knowledge component of Standard 1 is met.' The UAB will be working on policies and procedures to implement this requirement at its October meeting.

This requirement from the U.S. Department of Education has implications for the rights of states to determine the purpose and procedures for testing for licensing. We will keep you informed as to how the UAB intends to implement this requirement.

The Fall BOE Update is available at http://www.ncate.org/accred/boevisit/m_boe.html

Did You Know?

You can check the history of a license at <http://dew4.doe.state.in.us/LIC/license.html>

If Indiana students are to achieve high standards, there must be competent, caring, qualified educators to get them there.